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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

(Caption of Case)

May River Subdivision in Bluffton, South Carolina  
Rate Increase

BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COVER SHEET

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DOCKETING INFORMATION (Check all that apply)

☐ Emergency Relief demanded in petition

☐ Request for item to be placed on Commission's Agenda expeditiously

☒ Other: Rate increase for May River Subdivision

INDUSTRY (Check one)

- ☐ Electric  
☐ Electric/Gas  
☐ Electric/Telecommunications  
☐ Electric/Water  
☐ Electric/Water/Telecom.  
☐ Electric/Water/Sewer  
☐ Gas  
☐ Railroad  
☐ Sewer  
☐ Telecommunications  
☐ Transportation  
☒ Water  
☐ Water/Sewer  
☐ Administrative Matter  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

NATURE OF ACTION (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Appellate Review          | <input type="checkbox"/> Objection                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Resale Agreement          |
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P.O. Box 13705  
Savannah, GA 31416

Charlie Terreni  
Chief Clerk  
South Carolina Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 11263  
Columbia, SC 29211

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5 October 2007

Dear Mr. Terreni,

Following up on our conversation from October 5<sup>th</sup>, South Atlantic Utilities, Inc (Docket # 2007-319-W) would like to formally request an extension of the time required to notify the May River Plantation customers of the rate increase proposed.

We were to notify them by a local newspaper which was done by September 24<sup>th</sup>, but it wasn't until October 3<sup>rd</sup> that the letter to the customers went out (copy enclosed). It was my fault and your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions please call me at 912-352-9339.

Sincerely,



Thomas A. Smith III

Enclosure

Cc Jeff Nelson  
Jocelyn Boyd

South Atlantic Utilities, Inc  
P.O. Box 13705  
Savannah, GA 31416

3 October 2007

Dear May River Customer,

Enclosed is the proposed water rate before the South Carolina Public Service Commission.

Sincerely,

South Atlantic Utilities

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**DOCKETING DEPARTMENT**

**NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING**

**DOCKET NO. 2007-319-W**

**SOUTH ATLANTIC UTILITIES, INC. – APPLICATION FOR ADJUSTMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE PROVISION OF WATER SERVICE AT MAY RIVER PLANTATION IN BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

South Atlantic Utilities, Inc. (South Atlantic or the Company) has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for an adjustment of the Company's rates and charges for the provision of water service. South Atlantic is a public utility, as defined by S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-10(3) (Supp. 2006), providing water service to May River Plantation in Bluffton, South Carolina, pursuant to rates approved by the Commission in Order No. 92-1037 (Docket No. 91-494-W). According to Order No. 92-1037 (issued on December 16, 1992), as of December 31, 1991, the Company furnished water service to nineteen customers in the May River Plantation area of Bluffton, Beaufort County, South Carolina, and had ten availability customers.

According to its Application, South Atlantic opines that it has operated the May River Plantation Community water system at a loss in the year 2006, thus the Company suggests a rate increase is needed to insure a positive return on investment. There are presently twenty-six customers in the May River Plantation, and South Atlantic expects that number to remain the same.

**THE PRESENT RATES AND PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE RATES AND CHARGES ARE  
SET FORTH BELOW**

**(The complete rate schedule is available from the Company at the address below and on the Commission's website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov))**

**PRESENT RATES**

\$22.00 for the first 10,000 gallons per month

\$1.00 for each additional 1000 gallons  
over 10,000 gallons per month

**PROPOSED RATES**

\$34.00 for 10, 000 gallons per month

\$2.00 per 1000 gallons up to 20,000 gallons

\$2.50 per 1000 gallons for 20,000 gallons to  
40,000 gallons

\$3.00 per 1000 gallons beyond 40,000 gallons

A copy of the Company's Application can be obtained from the Commission at the following address: Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Docketing Department, P.O. Drawer 11649, Columbia, South Carolina 29211. Additionally, South Atlantic Utilities, Inc.'s Application is available on the Commission's website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

In order for testimony and evidence to be received from all interested parties, a public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Synergy Business Park, 101 Executive Center Dr., Columbia, S.C. on **Thursday, January 10, 2008 at 10:30 am.**